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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The safety of our nation's citizens is always my greatest concern. As a Deputy Chief in the Sacramento Fire Department in California, I am keenly aware that public safety requires reliable wireless technology. With so many Americans cutting the cord on home phones, wireless has become their only means of contacting first responders in an emergency. These citizens require wireless services that have the capacity to meet their needs.

When wildfires and flooding ravage California, communication networks can become damaged and unusable. However, many commercial networks have the durability and capability essential for emergency responders. The AT&T/T-Mobile merged company plans to expand LTE coverage to over 97 percent of the population, covering more towns and small cities than ever before.

A wider coverage map with greater network capacity will help save the lives of more people by helping to connect them with first responders.

Sincerely,

D/C Troy Malaspino
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